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SUBJECT: CANADA ON REINFORCING THE NPT IN THE WAKE OF  
DPRK'S WITHDRAWAL ANNOUNCEMENT

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(SBU) Canada shares our strong concerns (reftel) over North Korea's announced intention to withdraw from the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT). Foreign Minister Graham issued a press release on January 10 (available at [www.dfait.gc.ca](http://www.dfait.gc.ca)) deploring this announcement, underscoring the importance of the NPT, and urging the DPRK to reverse its decision. Ron Stansfield of Foreign Affairs' Nuclear and Chemical Disarmament Agency told us that the GoC also has tried to contact the DPRK privately to encourage them not to follow through, but has gotten no response. Stansfield said the GoC expected that after UN Security Council consideration, action would move back to the IAEA, and wondered what steps could be taken then. He said the GoC will continue to work in multilateral fora to encourage the DPRK to step back before its NPT withdrawal becomes "official" on April 9.  
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